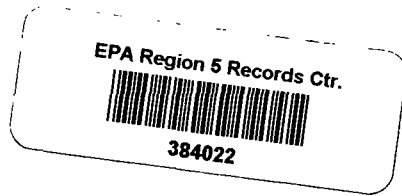


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**RE: Notification of Name Change: Witco Corp. - Mapleton Facility
(Sherex Chemical Co., Inc.; A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Witco, Corp.)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Effective April 30, 1997, Sherex Chemical Co. ("Sherex") is being merged into Witco Corp. ("Witco"). The manufacturing facility at Mapleton, Illinois is being presently operated as Sherex, A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Witco, Corp.

The plan is to phase-out the Sherex name on all our permits, license, etc. over a period of time. All our future correspondence will reflect the name change from Sherex to Witco.

Please let us know if any other immediate action is warranted on our part at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 309/697-6220, Ext. 322.

Sincerely,


Serin R. Rao, P.E.
Manager
Safety, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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